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Body discovered at rooming house

SUSPICIOUS A 59-year-old man was arrested without incident at the scene of what the Halifax Regional Police say is a murder as the body of a 33-year-old man was discovered at a rooming house at 214 Portland St. in Dartmouth last night.

Acting on information received by an East Division beat member just before 9 p.m., police say they checked the rooming house in regards to a possible injured person and found the body.

Police later arrested the 59-year-old and he was taken into custody.

Later at the scene, several residents told Metro Halifax the home where police say the murder took place is known to be a crack house. Police were expected to continue their investigation overnight.

This is the second murder in the Halifax Regional Municipality this week, and the sixth so far this year.

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NDP Leader Darrell Dexter unveils his party's election platform at the Oak Island Resort yesterday. The platform includes incentives to keep graduates in N.S., increasing renewable energy, paving roads and opening 27 new hospital beds. **More coverage, pg 2**

50 promises, \$79M

Provincial NDP party releases its election platform

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Nuts and bolts

The main NDP platform promises and costs over one year:

- Remove HST from home heating electricity — \$28 million
- Up to \$15,000 incentive for post-secondary graduates to settle in Nova Scotia — \$6.5 million
- Open new hospital beds to ease ER waiting lines — \$4.85 million
- Budget 50 per cent more to resurface rural secondary roads — \$4 million

The NDP released its election platform yesterday, unveiling 50 promises worth \$79 million.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said his party's budgets would be balanced, and he would honour some commitments by the Rodney MacDonald Conservative government. But questions about how he could afford to do both remain unanswered.

The NDP platform includes incentives to keep graduates in Nova Scotia, increasing renewable energy, paving roads and opening 27 new hospital beds.

Dexter said they will find the \$79 million to fund the new promises

through measures like reducing the size of the provincial cabinet from 18 to 12 and cutting back on expenditures across the board.

But Dexter said he would also honour some Tory commitments, while still promising to keep the books balanced. The Tories have been promoting their \$1.9 billion stimulus plan that would add about \$1.4 billion to the provincial debt.

Dexter said his govern-

ment would perform an audit upon becoming elected to find out the true state of the province's books. Until that happens Dexter said he can't say what Tory promises he would keep, or whether he would keep them if it meant adding to the debt.

"I'm going to make sure we have the benefit of that information before I start making decisions that are going to affect the finances of the

province," Dexter said.

"I think that's what reasonable Nova Scotians would expect their premier to do."

The platform included high-profile NDP promises to remove the HST from home electricity and create a manufacturing tax credit they say will create 2,200 jobs.

One major new plank unveiled was a tax incentive to keep university and college graduates living in Nova Scotia.

Students from anywhere in Canada who choose to settle in Nova Scotia could get \$15,000 back in taxes over six years after a university degree, or \$7,500 after college.

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Woman found at local school murdered

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax



POLICE Halifax Regional Police confirmed late last night the woman found dead Monday in a trench outside a local school was murdered.

A staff member at St. Patrick's-Alexandra School on Maitland Street discovered the victim shortly after 2 p.m. while kids were still in classes, police said.

"While we believe it's a homicide, obviously we wait for the autopsy to confirm it's a homicide,"

Const. Brian Palmer,

spokesman for the regional police force, said during the day yesterday.

That autopsy took place yesterday morning, and late last evening, Palmer said results confirmed the case was a murder. Police also released the victim's name — 38-year-old Tanya Jean Brooks of Halifax.

The call initially came into police as an injured woman at the bottom of a six-foot deep window well that runs alongside the school, but she was dead when officers arrived. One woman who lives near the school said children commonly call the ditch "the dungeon."

St. Patrick's-Alexandra School serves students from grades primary through 9 and is in Halifax's north end.

Police are asking for anyone who saw something take place around the school after 9 p.m. Sunday to call HRP at 490-5016 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Rome provides perfect movie backdrop

The Halifax Port Authority released a study yesterday showing the Port of Halifax and related industries contribute more than \$1.5 billion to the local economy every year. Rail services contributed \$170 million to the economic output in 2007, while trucking activity contributed \$160 million, a news release said. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Skills Canada photography gold

A photography student at the Nova Scotia Community College is the gold medal winner of the first provincial photographer competition held by Skills Canada — Nova Scotia open to persons with a disability. Sydney Daoust, 23, beat out five other competitors, based on photographs documenting the skilled trade and technology competition at NSCC's Akerley Campus April 23. **METRO HALIFAX**

Cape Breton areas note municipal review idea

ELECTION Premier Rodney MacDonald's election campaign promise to review amalgamation in the Halifax Regional Municipality is drawing interest in two regions of Cape Breton — if not for amalgamation, at least for municipal reform.

Port Hawkesbury Mayor Billy Joe MacLean said he is still interested in pursuing amalgamation of the town with a neighbouring county, and Cape Breton Regional Municipality Deputy Mayor Clarence Prince said he would welcome a review of amalgamation in the industrial region.

MacLean has advocated amalgamation for Port Hawkesbury and said the premier's announcement opens the door for a new debate about municipal tax reform.

Prince, a former councillor and mayor of Sydney Mines prior to CBRM's creation in 1995, said although amalgamation has benefited urban residents, he admits it has upset those in rural areas who say they are paying more taxes but receiving fewer services.

If the province is reviewing HRM, he added, it should conduct a review of CBRM, the province's second-largest municipality.

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NDP platform 'pamphlet,' 'sketchy leaflet': Parties

Liberals, Tories say NDP can't balance budget with plan

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Political parties lashed out at the NDP platform released yesterday, calling it a pamphlet designed solely to get elected.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter called his platform a common sense plan to make life better for Nova Scotians. But Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil called it disappointing and misleading.

"This isn't a platform, this is a pamphlet. And I might add, not a very good one," he said.

"It actually is not even truthful to Nova Scotians when you look at it. Line by line you can go down and you see it costed for one year, not over a mandate. It's simply not believable."

McNeil said the NDP document cherry-picks numbers instead of costing them out over a period of years. He singled out Dexter's high-profile promise to remove HST from electric home heating.

The NDP document costs the promise at \$28 million over one year. McNeil said they've ignored what the promise would cost over five or 10 years.

"This is NDP accounting and it is not believable. It will not deliver the balanced budget they're talking about," he said.

Tory Transportation Minister Brooke Taylor echoed that sentiment. Taylor dismissed the NDP platform as a "sketchy leaflet that doesn't include the comprehensiveness nor the volume that Nova Scotians deserve."

Taylor disagreed with Dexter's claim he could honour Conservative promises without adding to the provincial debt.

"They would have to either add to the debt or run a deficit. It's very clear," Taylor said.



Brooke Taylor from electric home heating.



Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil gets a hug yesterday from Bedford-Birch Cove candidate Kelly Regan as he steps off his campaign bus.

On the hustings ...

• The Liberals vowed to provide free tuition to 100 students at Dalhousie Medical School who would then practise in underserved parts of the province.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said yesterday his party's plan would help areas of the province currently scrambling to provide doctors. McNeil said many doctors will continue to practise in Nova Scotia after their five-year commitment is done.

The plan involves providing free tuition to 20 medical stu-

dents for each of the next five years.

• Premier Rodney MacDonald said his government would increase the volunteer firefighters tax credit.

The credit of \$250 was first introduced in the 2007 budget. That was increased to \$375 last year and expanded to include ground search and rescue teams. The Conservatives plan to increase the credit to \$500 this year.

The Tories say the credit will involve a total savings of \$4.8

million.

There are about 800 volunteer firefighters in Nova Scotia and 1,700 members of ground search and rescue teams.

• Two leaders' debates have been announced for the election campaign.

The first will take place May 19 at the CBC Studios in Halifax with the second set for June 2 from the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site in Baddeck. CBC and the Chronicle-Herald are sponsoring the debates.

Man charged with attempted murder

SHOOTING A 28-year-old man is charged with attempted murder after a man was shot Monday night in Sambro, police said.

Halifax Regional Police said officers arrested the man at a Venus Drive home, off of Old Sambro Road in Harrietsfield, at 2:40 a.m. yesterday. He's also facing a slew of firearms offences and was scheduled to answer to all charges in Halifax provincial court yesterday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police said officers responded to the shooting outside of a convenience store at 1 West Pennant Rd. just after 8 p.m. Monday. When they arrived on scene they found a 25-year-old man suffering from several gunshot wounds to his leg. The victim was rushed to Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax with non-life threatening injuries, police said.

Officers initially arrested another man at a traffic stop on Old Sambro Road shortly after the shooting occurred, police said, but he was released without charge and his car "was kept for forensic analysis."

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N.S. flu cases up to 64 with seven new mild cases

HEALTH Seven more mild cases of Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, were reported in the province yesterday.

That brings the total in Nova Scotia to 64 since the outbreak began April 26.

All of the new cases are located within the Capital District Health Authority. One is linked to the original cluster in Windsor and the other six are still under investigation.

Also, two people with the new cases started having symptoms in the last seven days. The other five were identified during re-tests.

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Sportfish Habitat funding

Nova Scotia Sportfish Habitat Fund announced funding for 18 groups, including \$10,000 for Little Sackville River for trout habitat restoration. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Rink waits for feds, province to chip in

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
For Metro Halifax

Halifax Regional Municipality's new four-pad arena is just one highlight from the draft budget tabled last night, but city officials admitted they have to wait on the provincial and federal governments before that and other infrastructure projects can take off.

Director of finance Cathie O'Toole said HRM won't know for sure that all cash needed for the \$40 million facility and land off Hammonds Plains Road will come until the province's budget is passed by a new Nova Scotia government and the federal government gives its nod of approval.

The municipality is con-

tributing a third of the cost for the rink but expects the other two levels of government to pick up the remaining tab, through Ottawa's economic stimulus package. The city hopes to open the arena by September 2010.

"In the meantime, our piece of funding is in place, so that work is continuing," O'Toole said. "If it looks at any point that the delay ... from the province or the feds will impact the timing of our project, we'd go back to council and give them some options."

The other two affected projects are the \$55-million Central Library and the new \$12-million Woodside ferry — both waiting

for money from the Build Canada Fund, O'Toole said.

The municipal operating budget would increase by 3.6 per cent at a total of \$578 million for 2009-10, plus a gross capital amount of \$151 million, if councillors are in favour.

O'Toole called it "a status quo" budget that maintains tax rates and municipal services. "It's continuing on with the five-year capital plan ... but it's trying to position us a little bit better to take advantage of the infrastructure funding."

Mayor Peter Kelly said the budget isn't "overly ambitious," but still addresses the city's needs for improved policing, fire services, roads and recreation.

Debate

• City councillors start debating the budget May 26, with a final vote possible June 2.

Virgin Fest inclined to rock

HILARY BEAUMONT
For Metro Halifax

MUSIC Halifax will host one of five Canada Virgin music festivals this summer on Saturday, July 4, at the Garrison Grounds of Citadel Hill.

"We're coming to Citadel Hill on the fourth of July. Everyone tells me that's the sunniest, most beautiful day in Atlantic Canada," festival director Andrew Bridge said.

Iconic Canadian band The Tragically Hip and skate-punkers The Offspring will headline the one-day festival along with 15 to 20 other acts on two stages. Bridge said the concert would include a diverse range of international, national and local music requested online by Atlantic Canadians.

"There's a big rock scene in Halifax, so we decided to skew the lineup to be a little more rock-focused because that's what fans told us they wanted," Bridge said.

"We also think rounding off the festival with some eclectic acts, some local acts, will really create some excitement."



Iconic Canadian band The Tragically Hip will be headlining the Canada Virgin Nova Scotia Musical Festival at Citadel Hill on July 4. There will be 15 to 20 acts on two stages.

Who's coming

Confirmed acts for the Canada Virgin Nova Scotia Musical Festival at Citadel Hill July 4:

- The Tragically Hip
- The Offspring
- Metric
- Dinosaur Jr.
- Plants and Animals
- Arkells
- Hey Rosetta!

Three-time ECMA winner Hey Rosetta! from Newfoundland was the first Maritime band confirmed yesterday.

"We very much want to promote emerging artists," Bridge said. "You'll see things around the festival,

around the weekend as well that we'll do at local venues to promote local talent."

On site, music fans will be able to get a tattoo, piercing, massage or haircut provided by local businesses. The concert is open to all ages.

In addition to KISS on the Halifax Common July 18, and a rumoured Paul McCartney show on the same night July 11, this Virgin Festival would be the first of three outdoor Saturday concerts in the city for July. Tickets go on sale Saturday at 9 a.m. and cost \$75.50 each.

To purchase tickets, visit ticketatlantic.com.

Motorcycle crash claims Grand Lake man's life

ACCIDENT A 45-year-old man from Grand Lake is dead following a motorcycle crash early yesterday morning in Enfield.

According to Cpl. Joe Taplin of the Halifax RCMP, police received a 9-1-1 call

at 6:53 a.m. from a resident who found the victim lying beside a motorcycle in a ditch on Highway 2.

Taplin said police think the accident might have happened around 12:30 a.m. as the same resident

heard a crash at that time, but looked out and didn't see anything.

"But when he went out this morning, that is when the body was discovered," Taplin said.

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Mount Saint Vincent received a boost towards its Building Tomorrow Together capital campaign with Fred and Elizabeth Fountain donating \$500,000. The money is going to the future Teaching, Learning and Resource Centre, the first new academic building to be constructed on campus since 1993. **METRO HALIFAX**

Johnston sentencing moved to July after lawyer's illness

SHOOTING Jerrell Johnston had his sentencing for the attempted murder of Vantino Beals in 2006 pushed back to July 9 yesterday at Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

Johnston, who was found guilty of the charge in late February following a month-long trial, saw the sentencing postponed after his defence lawyer Kevin Burke became ill and couldn't make the hearing.

It was decided between council July 9 would be the new sentence date. Johnston, who remains free on bail, was in attendance yes-

terday along with several supporters.

During the month-long trial in February, Johnston, along with Nathaniel Sparks, was found not guilty of second-degree murder in the shooting deaths of two North Preston men in December 2006.

Brandon Beals, 21, and Martaze Provo, 25, were shot to death outside an after-hours club on Upper Partridge River Road.

Johnston, however, was found guilty of attempted murder in the shooting of Vantino Beals that same night. **METRO HALIFAX**

Arrest made in New Glasgow after man left seriously hurt

ASSAULT New Glasgow police arrested an adult male resident of the town yesterday morning in relation to an overnight assault on the west side.

Deputy Chief Eric MacNeil said the Emergency Response Team, clad entirely in black and carrying weapons, entered a home on MacDonald Street to take the man into custody around 10:45 a.m. MacNeil could not say if the 48-year-old man was a resident of 354 MacDonald St., but

several other people were also escorted from the building.

The arrest follows an overnight assault that occurred around midnight on the west side of New Glasgow. Police discovered a 54-year-old New Glasgow man unconscious at a two-storey apartment building on the Stellarton Road around 12:20 a.m. yesterday morning. Const. Ken MacDonald said the man suffered serious injuries.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

'A story of happiness'

Cirque du Soleil director loves the magic of opening night

HILARY BEAUMONT
for Metro Halifax

Boris Verkhovsky will be watching backstage at the premiere of Cirque du Soleil's Alegria arena tour at the Halifax Metro Centre May 27.

The Russian-born coaching director of the legendary company never takes notes on opening night. Instead he likes to keep an eye on the audience.

"I think the most exciting thing is when you see people of different ages," Verkhovsky said during an interview in a downtown Halifax hotel yesterday to promote the company's two-week stop in the city.

"When you see an older person being so jubilant and touched by watching the show, you know that they're suffering from pain, you know that they have more than enough worries, and yet you see almost a childish look in the eye. It's terrific."

Alegria is a Spanish word meaning happiness, joy and jubilation. Verkhovsky said Alegria happens when physical acrobatics meet theatre. "Acrobatically it's a show that will challenge the level of what is reasonable, what is acceptable, what is possible," he said.

During the show, which



Boris Verkhovsky, the Russian-born coaching director for Cirque du Soleil's Alegria, which is playing at the Halifax Metro Centre for 17 shows starting May 27, speaks at a Halifax hotel room yesterday to promote the upcoming performances.

Planning to go?

- Cirque du Soleil's Alegria will play for 17 shows at the Halifax Metro Centre from May 27 to June 7.
- Adult tickets range from \$55 to \$120 and are available online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

includes 55 performers from 17 countries, gymnasts will tumble across the stage and trapeze artists will fly through the air while musicians play melodies with folklore flare.

The internationally ac-

claimed show premiered in 1994, the year after Verkhovsky began his life and career with Cirque du Soleil. The job consumes his free time. He said he's a man who doesn't know holidays.

"The work that I do is so

exciting and so demanding that somehow it became also my hobby. I enjoy it, I love it."

But backstage on opening night, Verkhovsky will feel a bit of healthy tension.

"The feeling is probably, more than anything else, it's a bloody miracle that it can come together ... If people forget everything that they've worried about all day for this two and a half hours and celebrate, then we've told a story of happiness."

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Afghanistan vet seeks to inspire with tale of healing after attack

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Trevor Greene believes attitude is a little thing that can make a big difference.

"Every day is positive," smiles the strapping 44-year-old retired military officer and author. "It is not what happens to us in life, but how we deal with it that counts. And that is a matter of choice."

It is a message Greene, a graduate of Trevor the University of Greene's King's College who now lives in Nanaimo, B.C., will be bringing back to Halifax tomorrow night as part of the Victims 2 Victims event at the World Trade and Convention Centre.

It has been a long road to recovery for the celebrated veteran. Since surviving an

axe attack in Afghanistan in 2006, Greene has endured countless hours of physical and psychological rehabilitation.

He is currently writing a book about the experience in an effort to inspire others.



Greene will be joined on stage by Juno Award winning artist Jilly Black and filmmaker, author and activist Nelofer Pazira. Halifax-based poet Asna Adhami and Master Corporal Helen Hawes are scheduled to speak as well.

Local and national organizations, including Family SOS, Red Cross Canada and UNICEF will also be on sight to hand out information.

Event organizer Barb Stegemann hopes that the evening will shine a light

Planning to go?

- Victims 2 Victims takes place May 14 at the World Trade and Convention Centre at 6:30 p.m.
- Tickets for the event are \$45 and are available at ticketatlantic.com.

on the plight of innocent civilians in Afghanistan. "Ultimately we want this to grow ... into an annual experience that engages our business communities on an international scale to help develop literacy and economic self-sufficiency for families in war-torn countries."

For Greene, it is an opportunity to put his gratitude into action. "There is no use in feeling sorry for myself," he muses, "what's done is done. I am just happy to be alive and to be making a difference."

News in brief

TRIAL A Dartmouth couple accused of killing 20-year-old Jennifer Horne of Cole Harbour will stand trial on charges of first-degree murder. Desmond Maguire, 38, and Ashley Haley, 21, were ordered to do so by a judge Monday. Horne was found dead on New Year's Eve 2007, stuffed in the closet of a Dartmouth apartment, a day after the young woman was reported missing. Maguire and Haley are scheduled to appear in Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax at the end of the month to have trial dates set. **METRO HALIFAX**

DRUGS Sgt. Jerome Kelly, of the Cape Breton Regional Police's street crime/drug unit, said Monday police are continuing to search for the last five of 53 people to be charged as a result of a major drug sweep. According to Kelly, the five individuals are from the Sydney and North Sydney areas. Last Friday police announced 53 drug-related arrests, the conclusion of a major five-month investigation called Operation Nightrider. **THE CAPE BRETON POST**

GHG watchdog chides Ottawa

Canada has overstated how effective its efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions will be, the country's top environmental watchdog said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Private profits out of public pockets?

Corporations overpay taxes to collect federal cash, report claims

Some of Canada's largest corporations may be using the government as a high-yield investment account by deliberately overpaying on their annual tax returns to collect favourable interest rates, the federal auditor general says.

In each of the last three years, top businesses have realized a \$30-million windfall by paying a total of \$4 billion into accounts managed by the Canada Revenue Agency that cover them in the event their tax returns are reassessed.

The accounts have paid an interest rate of between five and seven per cent since 2006. The rate is considerably more favourable than that offered by the banks.

Auditor general Sheila Fraser said it appears cor-

Priorities

- Fraser suggested that the Canada Revenue Agency is more focused on collecting tax dollars than returning overpayments to companies.

porations were well aware of the favourable treatment they were getting with their federal accounts, though it is difficult to prove any company has set out to bilk taxpayers.

"No one asked the corporations or tried to determine what the motivation was, but I think we can probably arrive at that conclusion," she told reporters. "The agency did try to return the money to them and they declined."

Fraser even joked that

there could be an influx of chief financial officers looking to stash money in Ottawa in the wake of her report.

"I'm not sure in this economic time that a lot of corporations have a lot of cash to deposit with the Canada Revenue Agency, but there are obviously some and the agency has to manage this."

The Canada Revenue Agency, which collects federal tax money, has suspected that corporations were aware of their higher interest rates since at least 1991 but it has done nothing to safeguard the federal treasury. Revenue agency officials trying to return the advance payments to firms are powerless if the company opts to leave the account open.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mulroney speaks at inquiry into cash payments

POLITICS Former prime minister Brian Mulroney, seeking to restore a tarnished reputation, testified at the Oliphant Inquiry yesterday that when he received large secret payments in 1993 he had no idea that the man he got them from would one day be a fugitive from justice.

It was his first day of testimony at an inquiry the government has set up to examine cash payments Mulroney received from German-Canadian arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber after Mulroney stepped down as prime minister.

REUTERS

News in brief

PROBE A military probe has cleared Canadian soldiers and their commanders of any wrongdoing in their response to allegations of sexual abuse of children by interpreters and members of the Afghan military. NDP MP Jack Harris cast doubt on the results of the investigation, saying, "it doesn't seem to ring true."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Edmonton Premier pig-out



Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach enjoys one of 1,500 pork sandwiches given out by Alberta pork producers in Edmonton yesterday. That industry has taken a major hit after some nations have banned Canadian pork in the wake of the outbreak of Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

Philippines Singles dance



A man and woman dance at a street procession honouring Saint Roque, a miracle worker and the patron saint of the unmarried, in Valenzuela City in the Philippines yesterday.

Pandemic still possible: WHO

FLU Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, could still mutate into a more virulent form and spark an influenza pandemic that could be expected to circle the globe up to three times, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

Nikki Shindo of the WHO's global influenza program said that 10 per cent of those infected with the strain in Mexico and the

U.S. needed to be admitted to hospital — far more than the rate for seasonal flu, which kills up to 500,000 people a year.

"This is clearly different than what we see from seasonal influenza," Shindo told a news conference.

The virus has also killed three in the United States and one each in Canada and Costa Rica, according to WHO figures.

REUTERS

Man-made?

- The World Health Organization and leading researchers are investigating unpublished claims that the virus may have evolved in a laboratory, not in nature. The WHO's leading scientist said consultation is still ongoing, but evidence suggests the theory isn't correct.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Tycoon's lover hits back in estate battle

The late Hong Kong billionaire Nina Wang wanted to have a child with the feng shui enthusiast laying claim to her inheritance, his lawyer said yesterday in a bitter legal battle with Wang's family for her billions.

Wang, who died in 2007, was one of Asia's wealthiest women whose business empire has been estimated to be worth at least \$4.2 billion US.

The existence of two conflicting wills, however, has pitted Tony Chan, her former lover, against her family represented by the Chinachem Charitable Foundation in a long-awaited probate battle that began on Monday.

"(Tony Chan) was the object of her love for the last 15 years of her life," said Chan's lawyer, Ian Mill, in his opening submission on the second day of the 40-

day hearing.

"She wanted to have a child with (Chan)" Mill added.

The Foundation's lawyers said earlier there was "very strong evidence" that Wang's signature on the 2006 will as she lay dying of ovarian cancer was a forgery. Instead it lays claim to a 2002 will in which Wang left most of her wealth to charitable causes.

REUTERS

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN For the third time in three weeks, Afghan officials are investigating whether scores of schoolgirls who had to be hospitalized yesterday were poisoned. Five of the girls slipped into comas after falling ill at a school in that Kapisa province north of Kabul, the province's chief of public health, Wahid Rahim said.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

AVIATION The pilot in a deadly

commuter jet crash near Buffalo, N.Y., earlier this year had trouble learning a critical computer system on the plane he was flying, according to training documents released by safety investigators yesterday.

SRI LANKA Sri Lankan troops broke through Tamil Tiger defences yesterday, and aid officials said both sides were making it impossible to save civil-

ians still at risk. The rebels, cornered in a coastal strip where they have held tens of thousands of civilians, accused the military for a third day of shelling the no-fire zone, killing 45 people.

RELIGION The Vatican played down Pope Benedict XVI's teenage membership of the Hitler Youth yesterday after it was highlighted by Jewish critics.

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In Canada, it's easy to walk on the SunnySide of the street. I say this with confidence even though I've spent many of the last three decades doing what we in the media do best — panic-mongering.

That's why we're journalists; we're jacked up by 200-point bold bad news headlines, the badder the better. When editors get together at the end of the year and pick the top story, it's always some disaster, never a good news story. Good news is a cute puppy that goes at the end of a newscast or on page 27, a grudging change of pace from your hard-bitten friends in the news.

Anyway, it's easy to get high on Canada because ... well, just look around you. This is the freaking second biggest country in the world. How often do we



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even think about that? If you live in Vancouver, the world ends in Chilliwack, after that, there are mountains, and way, way farther away, Toronto. Scary. And if you live in Toronto, you can't venture west of Mississauga without suffering a nosebleed.

If you live in Montreal, you refuse to recognize the legitimacy of Vancouver and Toronto altogether as you sit in a café on Rue St-Denis, Centre of the Universe. Maybe it's just too big and beautiful to get your head around it, never mind your arms.

The rest of the world doesn't seem to have that problem.

Once again, we're in the top five of the 215 nations tracked in Mercer Consulting's annual Quality of Living Survey; our American cousins barely crack the top 30 and that's because San Francisco and Honolulu skew the results. Another ranks us among the top 10 nations in the world for happiness, along with traditional warm puppies Denmark and Switzerland.

And if you're not tired of surveys yet, how about this

SunnySide

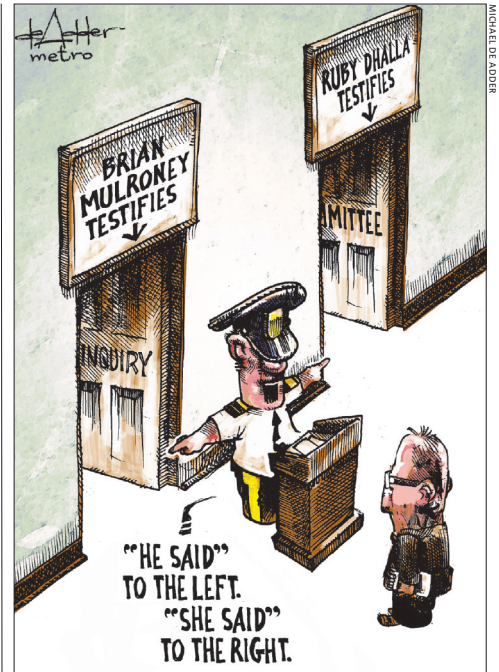
one? While the rest of the world is in the economic tank, the Economic Intelligence Unit's global business survey for 2009-13 ranks Canada first in the G7 as "the best place to invest and do business."

Who knew? The very best thing about Canada is the thing that infuriates many, but makes us the hope of civilization — it's called multiculturalism, which means whoever you are, wherever you're from, you check your guns at the door, and if you want to live here, you learn to play well with others.

On this sunny day, let's give the last word to an American, one of our biggest fans: Bill Clinton.

"In a world darkened by ethnic conflicts that tear nations apart, Canada stands as a model of how people of different cultures can live and work together in peace, prosperity, and mutual respect."

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Letters

SunnySide

Our company is stronger because of the recession

Re: *SunnySide* launch (May 11)

Our company, Cleanworks, is stronger because of the recession.

In January we met with our staff and told them that we had no plans to reduce staff in the foreseeable future. We also told them that to avoid reductions in the future we would have to ensure our clients did not see us as an expendable service. We would have to make sure the quality of our service was second to none.

As well, we decided to hire staff to take advantage of a deeper pool of applicants to strengthen our roster of workers.

The result — our staff responded with improved quality work, our clients have indicated they are across the board happier with our service, and revenues are up 12 per cent over 2008. And now we need to hire a couple of more people.

DOUG GILMOUR, HALIFAX

Halifax Common is for the people not special interests

Re: *McCartney in Halifax* (May 12)

I am a resident of Halifax and have lived in the neighbourhood for 28 or so years and have always loved the green space of the Halifax Common.

It is normally a grassy space free of cars and noise; a green space granted to the people of Halifax.

I have noticed the disruption of the concerts and the mess that is left on our beautiful living space. The grass is dug up and dirt and mud in its place. Garbage and dirty litter are left where a peaceful green space is usually.

If the so-called representatives at city hall think it's right to give special privileges to people with the most money and to use a public park to make money for themselves they are wrong. Halifax Common was granted to the people of Halifax and it should be protected against self-serving business deals and it should belong to everyone to be free to enjoy the space.

SHARON EARLE, HALIFAX

Word on the street: What's great about Halifax?

Jessie Duchesne

age 26,
Dartmouth

A: The people. Everyone's really nice and happy and nobody beeps the horn at each other.

Shannon Penny

age 19, Halifax

A: Everything's close. It's a big city with a small town feel.

Alan Jeffries

age 25,
Duncan's Cove

A: The people are friendly.

George Barry

age 43, Halifax

A: Everybody is very friendly and kind to everyone.

Rivkah Hoffman

age 22,
Montreal

A: For a small city, it's got a lot of energy. It's very walkable, very East Coast.

Patricia Al-Molky

age 65, Halifax

A: The Public Gardens is one thing that's great about Halifax. Down by the waterfront is another place, especially in the summertime.



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Vodafone to launch apps store

Vodafone, the world's largest mobile operator by revenue, plans to launch a mobile online store to sell games, news and travel applications that its customers can use on any phone. The first applications will be available towards the end of the year in Europe. **REUTERS**



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Low energy imports boost trade surplus

REPORT Substantially lower energy imports helped hike Canada's trade surplus in March to \$1.11 billion, more than double analysts' expectations, from \$262 million in February. Statistics Canada said

ed for seasonal factors.

But economists were quick to warn against viewing the stronger-than-expected surplus, following two months of trade deficits, as a sign of economic recovery.

"Be careful with green shoots ... as the months ahead will impose renewed hits on manufacturing shipments and exports."

Derek Holt, economist

yesterday that energy imports had fallen by 18.4 per cent during the month, most of it in volume terms and concentrated in aviation fuel. Energy exports, mostly to the United States, fell by only 1.4 per cent.

The overall surplus rose because imports fell by more — 4.4 per cent — than the 1.8 per cent decline in exports. Canada exported \$32.50 billion and imported \$31.40 billion. The figures are adjust-

with green shoots in the Canadian trade data as the months ahead will impose renewed hits on manufacturing shipments and exports as the auto sector goes back

into shut-down mode," said Derek Holt, economist with Scotia Capital.

Canada's economy is expected to contract sharply in the first quarter and the trade report does little to change that view, economists said. **REUTERS**

Execs still pessimistic: Survey

PREDICTIONS Senior finance executives across the globe remain pessimistic about the prospects of rapid economic recovery and are pursuing new ways to control costs, an American Express study showed.

Nearly 70 per cent of respondents in the American Express/CFO Research Global Business & Spending Monitor survey of 285 senior finance executives said they expected to see "recovery" beginning sometime in 2010.

Over two-thirds of re-

spondents predicted modest to substantial economic contraction over the next 12 months, and 63 per cent reported that their companies' capital investments will decrease in 2009.

When asked about changes in their workforce, 59 per cent of respondents anticipated a decrease in headcount.

But companies are also taking actions now to avoid layoffs. Half the executives polled reported plans to freeze salaries and bonuses. **REUTERS**

Consumer bankruptcies up

But business insolvencies fall 10.3% in March from 2008

Bankruptcies in Canada soared by more than 50 per cent in March from a year ago as the rising unemployment rate left more consumers unable to pay their bills.

At the same time, business bankruptcies declined during the month, according to figures released yesterday by the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

There were 10,578 personal bankruptcies across the country in March, up 17.3 per cent from the

Forecast

• Roger Sauvé, author of a 2008 report on the financial state of Canadian households sponsored by the Vanier Insti-

tute, predicted the number of insolvencies may reach 160,000 this year. There were about 123,000 in 2008.

month before, and up a staggering 57 per cent from March 2008.

The biggest year-over-year increases came from the western provinces. The number of personal bankruptcies in Alberta nearly doubled to 951 in March;

in British Columbia it rose 78.4 per cent from a year ago to 960.

The increase coincided with a rise in unemployment. In March the jobless rate rose to eight per cent, its highest level in seven years. Even though the

economy added 36,000 net new jobs in April, the rate did not change.

On the business side, there were 507 bankruptcies in March, up 6.7 per cent from February, but a decline of 10.3 per cent from March 2008.

Overall, there were 11,085 personal and business bankruptcies across the country in March, up 16.7 per cent from the month before, and an increase of 51.8 per cent from March 2008.

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Latvia Parental pressure



A woman holds her baby as she attends a protest in front of Latvia's government house in Riga yesterday. Hundreds of young parents staged a protest before a cabinet meeting against planned significant cuts to child-care benefits due to a budget crisis in Latvia, local media reported.

The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Coal mine complaints:

Several residents of Stellarton who live near the Pioneer Coal strip mine were present at town council Monday night to complain of dirt and dust on their properties. Mayor Joe Gennoe said he did not know there was a problem.

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In brief

AUTO The Canadian Auto Workers union said yesterday it is working hard to reach a new contract agreement with GM ahead of a May 15 deadline, but warned there are no guarantees a cost-saving deal will be reached. **REUTERS**

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Seven-time Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens ended his long media silence yesterday morning on ESPN Radio and again denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs. The interview came as a new book, *American Icon: The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime*, detailing his alleged drug use was released. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Clemens breaks silence

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Ferrari threatens F1 pullout

Ferrari will quit Formula One at the end of season if the sport adopts a budget cap for 2010, the Italian company's board said on Tuesday. "No F1 in 2010 if the rules do not change. Ferrari confirms its opposition to the new rules imposed by FIA and does not intend to register cars for the 2010 F1 world championship," a statement said.

REUTERS

Bruins force Game 7

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Mark Recchi and Chuck Kobasew both registered a goal and an assist, as the Boston Bruins staved off elimination once again with a 4-2 win over Carolina in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series at RBC Center.

Steve Montador had a goal and Patrice Bergeron collected two helpers for the top-seeded Bruins, who have battled back from a 3-1 series deficit to force a decisive Game 7 at TD Banknorth Garden in Boston tomorrow. Boston has never climbed out of a 3-1 hole to win a series in 20 previous occasions.

Marc Savard also scored for the Bruins before exiting in the third period for precautionary measures fol-



The Boston Bruin's Chuck Kobasew scores against Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Cam Ward last night in Raleigh, N.C. The Bruins won 4-2 to force a Game 7 in their second-round series.

lowing a knee-on-knee hit by Chad LaRose. Savard remained on the bench for several minutes and eventually skated to the dressing room under his own power with Boston leading by three.

Tim Thomas made 31 saves for the win.

Matt Cullen and Sergei Samsonov lit the lamp for

the sixth-seeded Hurricanes, who will be playing their second consecutive Game 7 in these playoffs. In the first round against New Jersey, Carolina tallied twice in the final 80 seconds of regulation to stun the Devils in the deciding game.

Cam Ward allowed four goals on just 19 shots in defeat.

Boston got off to a fast start and withstood a furious surge from Carolina to hold a 2-0 lead after the opening 20 minutes.

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Marchand called a 'joke'

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AHL Brad Marchand is being called a "classless act" and "a joke" in the American Hockey League playoffs.

The Providence Bruins rookie from Hammonds Plains was the focus of post-game comments from the Worcester Sharks after scoring a goal on Monday night in a 4-3 win that gave his club a 3-2 lead in the AHL quarterfinals.

The Worcester Telegram and Gazette reported that Marchand taunted the Sharks' bench as he skated by, cupping his hand to his ear "as if to say, 'I can't hear you.'"

"That's him," Sharks head coach Roy Sommer was quoted in the newspaper. "A freakin' classless act."

Added the Sharks' Andrew Desjardins: "I just laugh at him. He's a joke. I'm not gonna let him get under my skin."

Marchand, a third-round pick of the Boston Bruins in 2006, has enjoyed a terrific freshman campaign.

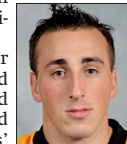
The 5-foot-9, 187-pound forward was second in AHL rookie scoring with 59 points in 78 games. He's been even better in the post-season, with five goals and five assists for 10 points in 10 games, tied for ninth in the league.

Marchand, a two-time gold medalist with Canada at the world junior championship, played for the Halifax Mooseheads last season and made headlines when he was made a healthy scratch for the final game of the playoffs.

The 21-year-old was also disciplined by Team Canada head coach Brent Sutter during the 2007 Canada-Russia Super Series for bad penalties and missing a team meeting.

Others in the AHL playoffs are Hammonds Plains native and former Mooseheads captain Andrew Bodnarchuk (Providence);

Porters Lake's Andrew Gordon and Bedford's Andrew Joudrey (Hershey Bears) and former Cole Harbour McCain captain Zach Sill and former Dalhousie Tigers forward Jordan Morrison (Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins).



Brad Marchand

Celtics rally for Game 5 win over Magic

NBA
2009 Playoffs

BASKETBALL Glen Davis and Stephon Marbury were unlikely catalysts in the fourth quarter, and the Boston Celtics rallied from a 14-point deficit in the final period to shock Orlando 92-88 grabbing Game 5 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Marbury scored all 12 of his points in the final quarter, while Davis netted 10 of his game-high 22 in the last 12 minutes for the defending NBA champions, who took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Celtics closed the game on a 17-3 run, forcing Orlando to miss its final eight shots from the field.

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Final chapter set to unfold in classic

NHL PREVIEW

Pittsburgh at Washington



HOCKEY It has the potential to be a showdown for the ages, a game that could become part of hockey folklore, and not even Alexander Ovechkin can get a private box at the Verizon Center for his family, friends and "Russian celebrities."

"Everything is sold out. It's pretty cool right now in Washington; D.C. changed a lot in the last four years and it's Hockeytown now," said the Capitals' sniper.

"Fans are just crazy here. They scream and (tonight) is going to be an unbelievable atmosphere."

Game 7s, with their built-in tension and drama, are special anyway. But that tonight's ultimate faceoff will cap a brilliantly played series showcasing the game's brightest young stars could make this a very special night for the NHL.

"This series has a storyline that will play out nicely on a 10-minute segment about great series," said Pittsburgh coach Dan Bylsma.

"It's certainly a storyline that's lived up to what everyone thought it would be and we certainly have the opportunity to write the story (tonight) that will make it a great one."

Just what's happened so far:

Two teams, featuring the league's top three scorers in Evgeni Malkin, Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby, pushing each other to the max with each of those stars taking turns making games a personal showcase.

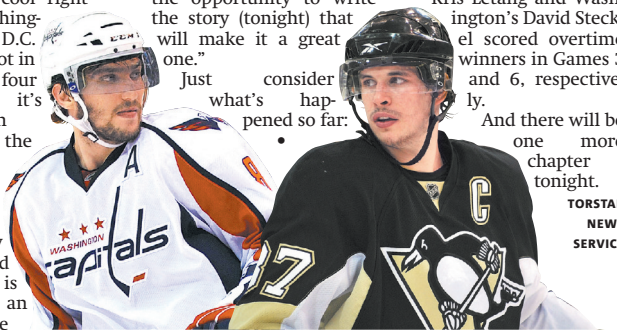
- Five of the six games have been decided by one goal, with three going into overtime.

- There was the game of one-upmanship in which Crosby and Ovechkin traded hat tricks in Game 2.

- There were instant, and unheralded heroes, created when Pittsburgh's Kris Letang and Washington's David Steckel scored overtime winners in Games 3 and 6, respectively.

And there will be one more chapter tonight.

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A.J. Burnett wipes sweat as he gets into a tight fourth inning last night as the Toronto Blue Jays hosted the New York Yankees. The game marked Burnett's first trip to Toronto since he opted out of a contract with the Blue Jays.

Halladay handles Yankees

MLB RESULTS

Toronto 5 New York 1

BASEBALL Roy Halladay threw his first complete game of the year, spoiling A.J. Burnett's return to the Rogers Centre, as the Toronto Blue Jays shut down the New York Yankees 5-1 in the opener of a three-game set.

Halladay (7-1) gave up the run on five hits while fanning five with no walks to get his league-leading seventh victory. Burnett (2-1), who played for Toronto for

the last three seasons before signing with New York this past off-season, pitched well until a three-run fourth inning. His line finished at 7½ innings with five runs on seven hits and four walks, with three strikeouts.

Scott Rolen went 3-for-4 and drove in three runs for the Blue Jays, who won their third straight game and eighth in 11 tries. Aaron Hill had a solo homer to extend his hitting streak to eight games, while Rod Barajas drove in the other Toronto run.

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Ex-Moosehead brothers reunite in German Elite League

Kris Sparre is joining brother Daniel Sparre, a former Mooseheads star, in the German Elite League. Kris, who played one game with the Halifax Mooseheads, signed with the Iserlohn Roosters yesterday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Good news for paddler

Waverley's Shaun Fair picked for Canadian sprint canoe-kayak team

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Shaun Fair's year keeps getting better.

The Waverley paddler learned this week he has cracked the Canadian sprint canoe-kayak team for a pair of World Cup events in Europe in his first year eligible as a senior. It's an important step toward qualifying for the world championships that will be held on Lake Banook in Dartmouth in August.

The news came less than a month after he was one of 50 athletes to win \$4,000 in funding from Petro Canada in a program designed to move athletes closer to their Olympic dream.

As it turns out, the funding helped him crack the World Cup roster. He used the money to travel to Montreal to spend three weeks training with the national team, a trip he wouldn't have been able to take otherwise as a non-carded athlete.

"It really helped — it would have been a lot more difficult without that grant," said Fair. "In the last three weeks before the (selection trials), there was a lot of improvement, working with the coaches and training with great athletes."

Fair, who has competed at the Pan-American championships and junior worlds, was selected as an extra for the K-4 crew that will compete in Poznan, Poland, from May 22 to 24, and in Szeged, Hungary, from June 5 to 7.

"It's a big deal for me," said Fair. "I knew it was a possibility but I never really thought it could happen."

Fair, just 18, will have plenty of world championships to qualify for in the future, but it would be extra special this year with the



Waverley's Shaun Fair learned this week he has cracked the Canadian sprint canoe-kayak team for a pair of World Cup events in Europe later this month and in June.

event in his own back yard. Qualifying continues after the World Cups with two more sets of team trials.

"It's a matter of putting my head down and going as hard as I can every chance," he said. "The guys ahead of me are experienced athletes. Most are Olympians. It's a matter of, if I've got (what it takes), hopefully I can do it when I have to."

Local competitors

Nova Scotians named to the Canadian sprint canoe-kayak team for World Cup events in Poznan, Poland, from May 22 to 24 and in Szeged, Hungary, from June 5 to 7.

KAYAK

• Karen Furneaux (Waverley)

• Jillian D'Alessio (Middle Sackville)
• Genevieve Orton (Lake Echo)
• Una Louder (Dartmouth)
• Connor Taras (Waverley)
• Lyall Hatton (Bedford)

CANOE

• Andrew Russell (Dartmouth)

Tigers win their first QMJHL title

CUP The Drummondville Voltigeurs won the first QMJHL President's Cup in franchise history last night, defeating the Shawinigan Cataractes 3-2 in the deciding Game 7 on home ice at Marcel Dionne Centre.

Playoff MVP Yannick Riendeau had two goals and an assist to finish with a league-best 52 points in 19 games.

Drummondville advances to the Memorial Cup starting May 15 in Rimouski, Que. **METRO HALIFAX**



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Designers at England's Warwick University have come up with a racing car that is powered by chocolate oils, BBC News reports. They said the body work was made from potatoes, the steering wheel from carrot fibres and the seat from soybean foam. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Metro Drive

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MINI's 50th

Last week, MINI marked the 50th anniversary of its first production car. Overall, more than six million classic and new MINIs have been sold since the model first went on sale in 1959.

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Sebring for all seasons

Chrysler convertible adds a touch of practicality

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada



Only two hours by car from Los Angeles, Palm Springs has long been a favourite getaway destination for the stars.

Hollywood's finest have had off-season and week-end retreats in this desert playground since the 1920s, drawn by the beautiful weather, the mountain views and the small town atmosphere.

What makes Palm Springs so desirable is the sunshine — the valley community averages 350 days of sun a year.

Of course, with all that sunshine, a convertible is the car of choice among residents and visitors alike, and my 2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible test car fits right in with the crowd. Almost every other car you see on the streets is a convertible and the Sebring is at or near the top of the popularity scale along with older Mercedes models and Ford Mustangs.

For anyone contemplating a convertible, my test car was equipped with a retractable hardtop, which is offered as an option. A cloth, folding top is standard. If you want a car for all seasons, this is the way to go. It has the looks and feel of a coupe for the cold weather months and it transforms into a convertible in only a matter of seconds.

Volkswagen and Volvo also offer similar retractable hardtops in the Eos and C70 models, but at a higher price than the Sebring.

The Sebring Convertible is available in three trim



The 2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible is offered with soft or retractable hardtop and the choice of three engines. Trim levels are LX, Touring and Limited.

2009 Chrysler Sebring Convertible

Type: Two-door convertible
Price: LX \$20,495; Touring \$25,295; Limited \$31,695
Engine: 2.4-litre four cylinder 16-valve DOHC (173 hp, 166 lb/ft); 2.7-litre 24-valve DOHC V6 (186 hp, 191 lb/ft); 3.5-litre SOHC 24-valve V6 (235 hp, 232 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Attractive pricing
- Retractable hardtop ensures use all-year long

levels with some great prices being offered these days — the LX starts at \$20,495 with a 173 hp 2.4-litre I-4 engine, the Tour-

ing at \$24,295 with a 189 hp 2.7-litre V6 and the Limited at \$31,695 with a 235 hp 3.5-litre V6. The first two come with a four-speed automatic transmission, while the Limited's V6 comes with a six-speed automatic with Auto Stick.

During my trip I experienced both city and highway environments with the Sebring. With the larger of the two V6 engines under the hood, my tester had more than enough power for merging into traffic on high-speed freeways in and around Los Angeles. It would be nice to have a little more power than the 3.5-litre V6 offers, but it would come at the expense of fuel economy.

In the city, the car feels



heavy and a bit awkward. Its high rear end makes backing into parking spots a bit of a chore.

With the top up, the trunk is spacious enough to hold four golf bags, although two big suitcases just fit with a bit of pushing and pulling. With the top down, trunk space is compromised with room for two golf bags. The trunk lid is extremely heavy and awkward without a handle to grab onto.

Fuel ratings for the 3.5-litre V6 automatic are 12.9L/100 km and 7.4L/100 km highway.

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

Read this week's column at metronews.ca/autopilot



Hyundai plugs into futuristic Blue-Will

FIRST LOOK Hyundai unveiled its first plug-in HEV concept car at the recent Seoul motor show. Named Blue-Will, the futuristic car promises an electric-only driving distance of up to 64 km on a single charge and a fuel economy rating of up to 2.2 litres/100 km. Blue-Will is a test bed of new ideas that range from the unique profile to drive-by-wire steering and touch screen controls.

Blue-Will's sleek surface treatment extends to the underbody where a full-length cover has been applied to minimize aerodynamic drag while maximizing fuel economy.

The LED panel on the front expresses a highly distinctive, futuristic image. The rear bike rack, integrated into the trunk, adds convenience.

To minimize weight, carbon-fibre reinforced plastics and nano composites have been applied to the side sills, moldings and fenders.

The Blue-Will concept is powered by an all-aluminum 152 hp gasoline direct-injected 1.6L engine, coupled to a Continuously Variable Transmission and a 100 kw electric motor.

This parallel hybrid drive architecture serves as the foundation for future Hyundai hybrids, starting with the next-generation Sonata for North America.

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Airbags are designed to prevent serious injury but if you don't exercise caution around them, they might be deadly.

Airbag safety 101

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SAFETY Would you let your child put her feet out in front of her, and then have something slam into them at about 300 km/h? Of course you wouldn't. So why do you let her ride with her feet up on the dash of your car?

Teens — and a surprising number of adults — think it's cool to ride this way. But in the blink of an eye, the airbag could cause irreparable damage.

Every new car has at least two frontal airbags, in the centre of the steering wheel, and in the passenger side of the dash. In a frontal crash, these bags inflate with hot nitrogen gas within about 40 milliseconds. The bag is coming toward you at anywhere from 240 to 400 km/h.

And despite the fact that there's the equivalent of a shotgun shell inside the dash, people still let their children ride this way, slouched in the seat with their feet up top.

If there's a crash, and they're lucky, they'll only break their legs. If they aren't, that bag will slam the thigh bones through the pelvis.

Airbags are a double-edged sword. They can prevent serious injury if you exercise caution around them, but they can also cause serious injury if you don't.

In any seat, always sit up straight and wear your seatbelt. The airbag is designed in conjunction with the belt, which holds you in the proper position so the bag protects instead of injures you.

When driving, hold the wheel correctly. If you "hook" the wheel underhanded on a turn, holding it with your palm facing you, a deploying airbag will snap your wrist.

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Plenty to love in Rogue

LORNE DRURY
for Metro Canada



The Nissan Rogue has been one of the best-selling crossover vehicles on the market for the past couple of years.

Built on the same "C" platform as the Sentra sedan, it has been a hit right from its debut.

What helps set the Rogue apart is its aggressive styling — it's not quite

2009 Nissan Rogue

Type: Compact crossover
Price: \$24,398 to \$34,298
Engine: 2.5-litre four cylinder (170 hp, 175 lb/ft) with CVT transmission

Highlights

- Sleek exterior, interior
- Car-like handling

a mini Murano, but certainly the Murano DNA is

all over it. It has a sleek, slippery exterior look and a wide aggressive stance.

The Rogue for 2009 is virtually unchanged from 2008 except for the addition of auto-locking power door locks.

The Rogue is available in S and SL models, with front- or all-wheel drive. A 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine, producing 170 hp, is standard. It is mated with Nissan's Xtronic continuously variable transmis-

sion (CVT). Also standard are traction control, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock and vehicle dynamic control.

The interior is just as attractive as the exterior, with the driver occupying a cockpit-like seating area. The instrument panel is well designed and the speedometer and tachometer are front and centre, easy to read through the steering wheel opening.

Prices for the Rogue start



The Nissan Rogue for 2009 has few changes from 2008, when it made a successful debut in the small crossover marketplace.

at \$24,398 and top out at \$34,298 for the all-wheel drive SL with leather and technology packages.

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like ride and handling and the Rogue delivers. The seats are supportive and comfortable and the ride is relatively smooth, even over pothole-scarred roads.

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Workology

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Man dies at uWinnipeg

A 23-year-old man died Sunday evening after jumping from scaffolding at the McFeetors Hall: Great-West Life Student Residence at the University of Winnipeg. The deceased was at the centre of a seven-hour-long stand-off with police.

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Honesty key in dismissal hearings

WorkplaceLaw

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"Every man has his fault, and honesty is his."

—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

In the often twisted world of Canadian workplace law, both employers and employees tend to exaggerate facts in an effort to improve their own cases. Whether it's a deliberate strategy or a simple white lie, our courts are increasingly signalling their disdain when stories without the conviction of truth find their way to trial. A recent decision from British Columbia reminds us all that honesty remains the best policy.

About halfway through his apprenticeship as a repairman at Dams Ford Lincoln Sales Ltd. in Surrey, B.C., Tyler Marchen was given an envelope with two weeks' pay and his record of employment stating that he had been dismissed, and told to leave. When he asked why he was being fired, he was

told that it was not up for discussion and that he was no longer welcome on the property.

After Marchen's dismissal, Dams made several comments suggesting that he was fired due to a police matter. Although Marchen was viewed as a good employee, his brother (who was also an employee at Dams) had been implicated in some thefts from the dealership. When a government employee called to request the reasons for Marchen's dismissal in order to qualify him for employment insurance, she was told it was due to a police issue and they couldn't risk keeping him on.

As Marchen and Dams had a fixed-term agreement for the duration of his apprenticeship, Marchen promptly sued Dams, claiming that he was entitled to the value of the remaining term of the contract. As soon as Marchen started his legal action, Dams changed its story. It called the employment insurance office and told it that, despite an investigation into Marchen's brother, it had actually fired Marchen because it had downsized its body shop.

At trial, Dams' witnesses

denied that Marchen was fired because of his brother's potential theft but maintained its story that there had simply been a lack of work. Judge Richard Goepel wasn't convinced. He found that Marchen was dismissed because of Dams' unfounded suspicion that he was involved in his brother's potential theft and that it had deliberately attempted to mislead the court as to its true motives.

Dams' decision to mislead the court turned a seemingly routine case for wrongful dismissal into a legal nightmare. Marchen was awarded over \$18,000 in lost wages, another \$25,000 for loss of training and status, \$100,000 in punitive damages and most of his legal fees, usually awarded only in extraordinary circumstances.

The decision serves as a disincentive for companies to twist the facts of an employee's dismissal — and in doing so demonstrates the mounting arsenal of damages a court can award where it considers an employee to have been treated unfairly.

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If a company is not honest when it gives a reason for the dismissal of an employee, the company stands to lose a lot.

IT professionals should stay connected in bad times

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada



While the unemployment rate in Canada rises, job opportunities are growing for people ready to meld their information technology (IT) know-how with business and communications skills, experts say.

Terry Power, president of IT staffing firm Sapphire Technology Canada, says IT skills have become a focus of employers who are actively looking for people with the right combination of IT and business skills, especially to take on executive and management positions.

"Anything that marries business and technology together will continue to be important going forward and we're seeing the great-

est strength in senior-level roles," Power said.

While the unemployment rate recently surpassed eight per cent across the country, Powers says the jobless rate in IT hovers around 3.5 per cent, showing that businesses place a high value on technology skills.

"IT has become much more strategic for many businesses over the last four or five years," he said.

While the IT sector is faring better than others in the current economy, Powers warns that the trend doesn't mean all IT jobs have stronger employment prospects — in fact it's the higher-level IT positions requiring specialized experience and skills that are in the most demand.

"There's an increase in positions requiring people



The connections you have will benefit you down the road if you happen to lose your job and are back on the job hunt.

with very specific experience and high-level skills. The generalist, without a lot of experience in a given area, is having a tougher time finding a job while the

specialists are in demand," Power said.

For people with more general IT skills, Powers says the key to success will be to focus on the specific

"Anything that marries business and technology will continue to be important."

Staffing firm president
Terry Power

business advantages you can bring to the table.

"You must enhance your business relevance. Look at the last company you worked for and outline how you made a difference. Try and understand the business value that you bring," Power said.

Powers suggests thinking about how you can merge your business skills with technology in an effective way that maximizes your value to employers. Specifically, jobs in business analytics (analyzing data to explain trends and inform business decisions), customer communications and

IT-based accounting skills are growing in demand, he says.

If you're looking to do further IT training, shop around for programs that are focused on the business side of IT.

Even if you've lost your job, make sure to keep your finger on the pulse of what's happening in the industry and don't let valuable contacts slip away.

"The best advice I could give to anybody looking for a job is to stay connected — find a way to stay out there in your industry community and do your homework," Powers said.



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Month of roses

In May, Rome's roses are in full bloom. The celebrated Comunale Roseto, or Communal Rose Gardens, are open to the public at this time of year. The gardens showcase 1,000 species from around the world.

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The world's most wonderful film set

Angels & Demons joins the many films that use Rome as a backdrop

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



From Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni splashing around in the waters of the Trevi Fountain in *La Dolce Vita* to Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck's romantic street tour in *Roman Holiday* the Eternal City has provided some of the cinema's most unforgettable images.

According to Italian director Federico

Fellini, "Rome is the most wonderful movie set in the world." Now with the release of *Angels & Demons*, shot on location in Rome, a new industry has emerged from the ancient city — movie tourism.

Patrizia Prestipino, head of Rome's provincial department of tourism told the *New York Times* that "a film like this could relaunch American tourism.



Left, a view of Rome featuring St. Peter's Basilica. Right, Bernini's angels line the Ponte Sant Angelo.

For us it's like free advertising." And it's marketing that seems to be working.

Tour groups like the Angels & Demons Path of Illumination Tour, angelsanddemons.it, Sienna Reid's Angels and Demons Tour, italyhotline.com, and

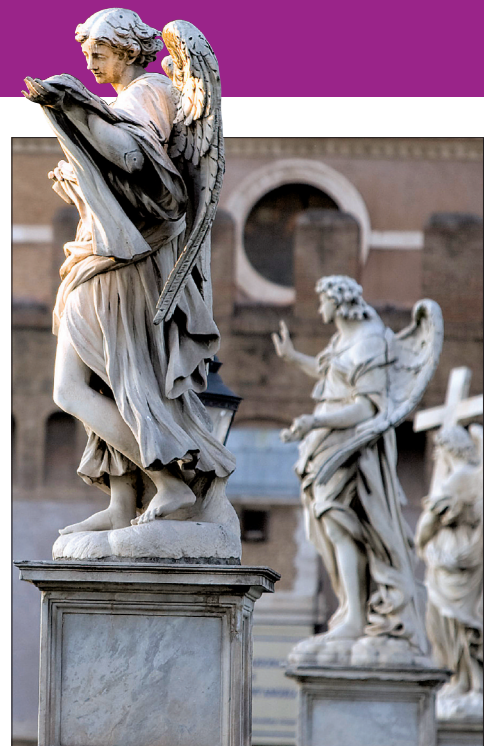
the Rome Angels and Demons Half-Day Tour, via-tour.com, have been enjoying brisk business with packages that range from \$75 per person to \$550 for a personal excursion.

If you're not a tour group kind of person you can arrange your own expedi-

tion of Rome's Angels and Demons locations and other cinematic sites with a good map from your hotel's concierge.

(Take note that several of the places mentioned in the book are not geographically accurate. It's best to do some internet research before hitting the streets.) Here are some good start-

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Ron Howard, director of *Angels & Demons*, in Rome's Piazza del Popolo.

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ing points:

Castel Sant'Angelo

Built between 135 and 139 by the Roman Emperor Hadrian Castel Sant'Angelo not only figures in the climax of *Angels & Demons*, but also has a spectacular panoramic view of Rome. The castle can also be seen in Roman Holiday's barge scene.

Santa Maria della Vittoria

Santa Maria Della Vittoria is the setting for *Angels & Demons*' most gruesome and exciting scene — the "fire" killing — but in reality is the home to the beautiful Bernini sculpture of the ecstasy of St. Theresa.

Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi

Located at the center of Piazza Navona the ornate Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi ("Fountain of the Four Rivers") is one of Bernini's most famous works and the backdrop for the film's "water" assassination.

Other Rome movie must-sees include:

Mouth of Truth

The Mouth of Truth located in the portico of the church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin. The carved, grinning stone face which purportedly bites off the hands of liars most famously appeared in *Roman Holiday* but can also be seen in *Only You* starring Robert Downey Jr.

Trevi Fountain

At almost 26 metres high the Trevi Fountain is the largest Baroque fount in Rome and the inspiration for the 1954 hit song and movie *Three Coins in the Fountain*. Every day tourists throw almost 3,300 euros into the fountain — legend says that visitors who toss a coin into the fountain are guaranteed a return to Rome — money that is donated to charity.

Movie lovers will find much to see in Rome and many memories to take home. As Audrey Hepburn said in *Roman Holiday*, "I will cherish my visit here in memory for as long as I live."

A (brief) Roman holiday

ITINERARY Got 48 hours to follow in the footsteps of Professor Robert Langdon and discover some of Rome's most beautiful sites featured in the blockbuster movie *Angels & Demons*?

Reuters correspondents with local knowledge help visitors track Illuminati clues across the eternal city whilst enjoying its renowned history, culture and cuisine.

Friday

8 p.m. Having checked into your hotel, head for great food and a real Italian vibe at the Antica Enoteca on Via della Croce between Via del Corso and Piazza di Spagna. A lively wine bar/restaurant with freshly prepared appetizers at the bar, great pizza, and a terrific tiramisu.

Saturday

10 a.m. After kicking off the day with some of Rome's finest and most famous coffee at Bar Sant'Eustachio (Piazza Sant'Eustachio 82) head up to the northernmost end of Via del Corso to Piazza del Popolo.

In the far right corner of the square stands the church of Santa Maria del Popolo where Langdon locates the body of the first missing Cardinal. Buried up to his waist at the bottom of a demon's hole beneath the church floor, he is first in a series of as-



A close-up view of Rome's Fontana di Trevi.

sociations with the Illuminati's four primordial elements: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water.

As well as celebrating Langdon's first step in the Vatican mystery, take a moment to admire two Caravaggio masterpieces to the left of the main altar, *The Crucifixion of St. Peter* and *The Conversion of St. Paul*.

The view from the Pincio gardens up to the right of the Piazza has a lovely view across the Roman rooftops all the way to the Vatican and the very heart of the *Angels & Demons* intrigue.

12 p.m. Heading south from Piazza del Popolo, check out Tad Café at 155A Via del Babuino, a 'concept

store' where you can shop for clothes, household goods, flowers and perfumes, get your hair cut and eat tasty Thai-Italian fusion cuisine all in one super slick and trendy location.

3 p.m. Heading back down the Corso to Piazza Venezia, take Bus 62 from Via del Plebiscito over the river to Via della Conciliazione. Walk along this broad avenue to appreciate the full splendour of Basilica San Pietro.

In the centre of its grand Piazza, designed by Bernini and built between 1656-1667, stands a giant Egyptian obelisk, under which Langdon finds another of the missing Cardinals. Representing Air, the unfortunate Cardinal is found

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A Bath with a view

Two hours from London, Bath feels like a step back in time

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

It might be just two hours outside London, but you'll be transported back to the 18th century in the immaculately-preserved spa town of Bath.

This UNESCO World Heritage Site looks just like the set of a period movie — which is probably why it has served as the backdrop for several major films including *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Duchess*.

You won't see fluorescent shop signs here because there are strict regulations on how the town's splendid historical buildings should look.

Likewise, you won't find an industrial park on the edge of town — Bath is surrounded by a bowl of protected woodland and parkland.

Instead you'll discover an elegant but laid-back town full of stunning neo-classical architecture, interesting museums, unique boutiques and pretty tea rooms.

Bath was founded by the Romans as a thermal spa, and it was in the 18th century, under King George III, that the stunning Palla-



Above, Bath's famous Royal Crescent.

dian buildings blossomed around the centre.

The Roman spa is still at the heart of the town, and while you can take a tour of the site, you can't actually bathe in it (roman-

baths.co.uk).

However, you can benefit from the spa's mix of 43 minerals since you can drink the therapeutic water at the Pump Rooms next door.

It's a genteel tea room complete with live cello, violin and piano music from the Pump Room Trio, the house band.

Enjoy the atmosphere with a restorative cup of Earl Grey, and make your way up the cake stand, where you will find finger sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, and a selection of homemade cakes.

If you're looking for a more rustic snack, visit Sally Lunn's, a cramped tea room in the oldest house in town where giant Bath buns are served (sallylunn.co.uk).

Bath's healing waters have now been channelled into a state of the art four-storey spa, complete with whirlpools, steam rooms, treatment rooms and even a heated open air rooftop pool where you can soak up the minerals while looking over the steeple of the city's famous Abbey (bathabbey.org).



Above, taking the waters at Thermae Bath Spa. Below, the historic Roman baths.

There's even a separate thermal bathhouse, The Cross Bath — fed by its own natural hot spring — that can be hired for exclusive use (thermaebathspa.com).

For more culture, you can learn about the city's most famous author, Jane Austen, at a museum dedicated to her, or attend the annual Jane Austen week festival.

Alternatively, catch a show at the stunning Georgian Theatre Royal, one of the city's most romantic venues, opulent decorated with ornate plasterwork, red velvet, gilt furnishings and chandeliers (theatreroyal.org.uk).

The architectural pièce de résistance, however, is the Royal Crescent — a unique semi circle of elegant Georgian townhouses overlooking a garden. Stay at the luxurious hotel located at No. 16, or take a



look at 18th century life at house No. 1, where the interiors are laid out as they would have been more than 200 years ago.

If you're on a romantic getaway, take a breath of fresh air in the Royal Victoria Park, a large landscaped park opened in 1830. There you can stroll down the promenades and visit the botanical gardens with its collection of exotic plants.

It is also the route to the most romantic hotel in town, The Bath Priory. This country house hotel offers

luxurious rooms and cosy drawing rooms for you to languish in.

This should be your final destination after spending the day looking at the sights of this aesthetically-pleasing city. You can reward yourself with an aperitif on the terrace overlooking the hotel's award-winning landscaped gardens, and follow it with a meal at the only Michelin-starred restaurant in the county (the bathpriory.co.uk).

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Left, the interior of Santa Maria della Vittoria. Right, a view of the Castel Sant'Angelo.

A weekend's worth of the Eternal City

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with holes punctured through his chest and lungs.

For breathtaking views, take the lift or brave the long and narrow spiral stairways to the dome and roof of the Basilica.

Appreciate the scale and splendour of the church interior from the dizzy heights of its dome and then head out onto the sunny roof for an unusual, but pleasingly simple 'café' experience courtesy of Il Ristoro.

Sip a soft drink or coffee beneath giant marble saints and look out to the East for Castel Sant'Angelo, the final stop on Langdon's Illuminati trail.

A giant fortified structure, Castel Sant'Angelo was first begun by Emperor Hadrian in AD 135 as his mausoleum and has been used subsequently as an armoured stronghold, a prison and a papal residence, with a private walled passageway all the way to the Vatican.

6 p.m. For a sample of quaint and cobbled Rome,

away from grandiose spaces and Papal splendours, take a walk along down the river to Trastevere. Enjoy getting lost in its maze of narrow streets en route to a pre-dinner drink in Piazza di Santa Maria in Trastevere where the beautiful setting merits the somewhat elevated prosecco prices.

Sunday

10 a.m. Take a pricey but scenic breakfast in Piazza Navona, arguably Rome's most spectacular square. In the centre stands Berni-

ni's Four Rivers Fountain, finished in 1651 and very recently restored. Here Langdon discovers the body of the fourth missing Cardinals, drowned to death in the fountain's waters.

12 p.m. Taking in the must-see Pantheon and the very pretty Piazza Sant'Ignazio, head east to the impressive Piazza di Pietra for a restorative lunch at Neapolitan restaurant La Caffettiera.

3 p.m. Heading east from the Corso and Piazza Barberini, make your way

down Via XX Settembre to the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria (open 3:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday).

In the presence of Bernini's Ecstasy of St. Teresa, a spectacular — if

controversial — piece of dramatic Baroque sculpture, Langdon here finds an Illuminati abductor in the act of setting the third missing cardinal on fire.

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Summer Camps

Just like school, only fun

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Summer camps are a bit like school, only with the dull bits taken out, says Nancy MacAloney, recreation program manager for HRM.

"Some of them are dry land, some are aquatic, there are leadership camps for youth, sports camps, drama camps, dance camps, adventure camps and day camps," she says. "It's whatever your child is looking for, and whatever the parent is looking for."

Camps range from a few hours to week-long adventures and combine child care with a chance for kids to have fun, socialize and learn new skills.

While many camps have an educational aspect, "it's

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not school at all. It's fun, fun, fun!" says MacAloney. "They have been in school all year, so they've been programmed from September to June."

"We try not to program them too much."

The openness of summer camps can be great for kids who find the classroom stifling.

"A lot of those children have support when they go to school in the summer-time, but when they come to camps, they don't need that same level of support, because the whole structure

is different," she explains. "They have a little bit more freedom and can express themselves a little bit more than they could in a school setting."

Jennifer Weidhaas spends her summers in fantasy land: She's run Annapolis Royal's Equus Centre Residential Riding Camp since 1984. Most campers have an established love of horses, but some are novices.

"It's normal to be nervous for the first few minutes, but generally once the kids who've been here before start telling stories, the

nerves go away pretty quickly," she says. "And they all have a keen interest in horses, of course, so that helps as well. Most of the time, it's nervous excitement."

The centre's 250 acres are nestled between the North Mountain and the Annapolis River, with trails, a hunt course, dressage ring and jumping ring and an indoor arena for when the weather is bad. Campers ride twice a day, mixing lessons, trail rides and games. Weidhaas says there are big social advantages to specialist summer camps like hers, as kids meet other kids with the same passions.

"We get kids from the States, Ontario, Bermuda and all over the Maritime provinces. It's certainly a good chance to meet other people," she says.



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Kids 'stoked' while mom worries

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

In our digital age, where parents are often expected to keep their kids under 24-hour surveillance, sending them into the woods for a week might not seem like the best idea, but devotees say summer camp gives children a chance to start to become adults.

Joan McInnes was apprehensive about sending her two boys off to Yarmouth's Camp Wapomeo this summer. In addition to the usual parental fears, the Chester woman was worried for her 11-year-old son Ben, who has Asperger's Syndrome.

"I was desperately concerned about whether or not they could handle his special needs," she told Metro.

"When I emailed [director Kathleen Whyte], she emailed me back and the title of her email was, 'Everyone is welcome at Wapomeo,' which just brought tears to my eyes. There are so many times when people are just not



Going to summer camp gives children a chance to start to become adults, devotees say.

comfortable with the unknown."

McInnes is feeling OK about nine-year-old Will going, too.

"I think he'll be fine. The only thing I'm worried about is him being too much of a boy," she laughs, "but that's going to happen regardless of whether he's here or there."

McInnes, who will be at home with her five-year-old daughter during the five-day camp, remembers well her first experience

with summer camp. "The first two days, I was terribly homesick. I was feeling nauseous every night and thought there was no way I was going to survive," she says.

She had a change of heart, though. "Come the end of the two weeks, I didn't want to go home. I wanted to live at camp for the rest of my life."

Her boys are "totally stoked" and feeling no fear about camp. They are seasoned hikers, so she's confident they will take proper

care in terms of sunscreen and outdoor safety. Asked if kids take cellphones to camp, she says, "I hope not!" Her boys don't usually have cellphones and she figures the lack of contact will be a good thing.

"You have to let them grow up and find their own path eventually. Camp is a wonderful place for them to learn that and spread their own wings," she says. "You just close your eyes and go for it."

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Help spark kids' creativity

Following are 10 tips to help stimulate your children's creativity, boost their imagination and get them inspired.

1 Day tripping: Consider taking the kids to your local museum, gallery, science centre or zoo for a unique adventure and to inspire their creativity.

2 Creative work spaces: If you have the space, create a room in your home designed to stimulate their interests. You can hang a curtain across one end for theatre performances or, if

you're more adventurous, leave a wall for them to paint on and express themselves artistically.

3 Inspirational gifts: Select gifts that present the opportunity for imagination. Puppets, costumes and even Lego will foster creative thought and play. For a cost-effective gift, pack egg cartons, shoe boxes, bubble wrap, bathroom tissue, kitchen towel tubes and other leftover materials into a bag with paints, markers and Sellotape and let them build you something completely unique.

4 Praise a job well done: Show them how proud you are of their artistic accomplishments. Frame the artwork and display it.

5 Encourage personal style: Allow them to design and customize their own clothing. Purchase a pair of white sneakers or a white T-shirt and some decorating supplies and let their personal taste and creativity shine.

6 Little chefs: Kids love to get messy in the kitchen, mixing and measuring ingredients. Let

them take over the decorating of cupcakes, cookies and other treats.

7 Décor and more: Involve your children in their room's décor by asking them for their opinion on colour and layout.

8 Movie madness: Enjoy a day out with the family at the movies. Animated films in particular push the boundaries in terms of storyline and visual effects.

9 Music to their ears: Ensure music is an integral part of their lives. By



A fun activity can involve letting kids help in the kitchen.

playing light music while you're in the kitchen or in the car, you can introduce them to a variety of cultural influences.

10 Snap happy: In addition to mom and dad taking photographs, let the

kids be the photographer every now and then and have them capture special moments. They might not be at the best angle or the most flattering shots — but you'll smile when you see their perspective on things.

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Teach your toddler to swim

Swimming lessons for children often begin when they start school, but many people successfully teach toddlers or even babies to swim safely on their own — with adult supervision, of course.

Here are some easy steps:

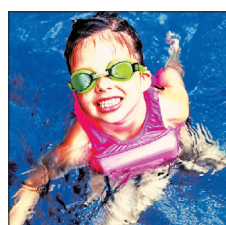
Be positive

The basics of teaching a young child to swim are to keep things positive, smile and speak reassuringly, and be sure to explain what you are about to do at every step. Use a 1-2-3 countdown when starting something new. Hold firmly, so the child senses he or she is safe.

Start with playing on the steps. Give them a toy, and let them get accustomed to the water. Ask them to pretend the water is paint and to cover themselves with their favourite colour.

Progress to blowing bubbles with them. Demonstrate by taking a big breath and blowing bubbles in front of them.

Be patient. Some children can be intimidated at the prospect of putting



Positivity is key when you are teaching children to swim.

their face near the water. Sit down on the top step with the child and show them how to kick. Keep legs fairly straight.

Prepare your child to put the face underwater by submerging an object or toy on the steps. Let your child ride on your shoulders to prepare them to glide. Bring them through chest-deep water. Move the child to dipping underwater with a 1-2-3 countdown. If water gets in the eyes, encourage children to wipe it away like a windshield wiper rather than rubbing.

The 'crab crawl'

Teach children to "crab crawl" along the wall to

get back to the steps. This is an important safety lesson — children will know there is a safe place to go if they are in distress.

Have your child use your shoulder as a pillow to learn the back float. The child's toes should be poking up through the surface of the water and the head tilted back.

Next, teach a prone glide with your arms supporting at the chest and waist or legs. Have the child hold arms straight in front and close the mouth. Gradually add the kick. Have your child sit on the side and lower them into the water as you step away from the wall.

Finally, combine all the learned skills by having your child push off the steps, kick, turnaround and head back to the steps. And remember, always demonstrate, speak reassuringly and be patient. With a solid foundation of swimming skills and water safety, you and your child will be able to enjoy your pool together for years to come.

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Lewis back for Sex sequel

Jason Lewis is to appear in the Sex and the City: The Movie sequel. The 37-year-old actor — whose character Smith Jerrod dated Samantha Jones — has revealed it is likely he will reprise his role as the hunky model. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Entertainment

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This month is a big one for Anton Yelchin — maybe the biggest in his life. With roles in a pair of high-profile summer releases — *Star Trek* and *Terminator Salvation* — Yelchin's life has lately become a blur of flashy premieres around the world and press junkets at five-star hotels.

But he's trying to keep his wits about him. "These are all kind of the superficial elements of these kinds of features," he says, shrugging at the plush Beverly Hills hotel suite he's camped out in. "It's beyond the reason I do what I do."

Yelchin is already enjoying the top spot at the box office with *Star Trek*, in which he takes over the



Anton Yelchin stars as navigator Pavel Chekov in the blockbuster hit *Star Trek* and Kyle Reese in the upcoming film *Terminator Salvation*.

role of Russian navigator Pavel Chekov — not much of a stretch for the Leningrad-born Russian-American, who came to the U.S. as a toddler with his figure-skating parents after the fall of the Soviet Union.

For Yelchin, who is mostly known for smaller films like *Charlie Bartlett* and the TV series *Huff*, working on summer blockbusters is less

a job than a chance to fulfill some childhood fantasies. "Suddenly felt like I was five again," he says. "I used to be on this set in my mind in my backyard. It was a weird kind of nostalgia."

But unlike the franchise reboot of *Star Trek*, his next big summer film has the daunting task of picking up where a less-than-stellar previous installment left



off. "I went into this thinking this isn't going to be T3," he says, referring to *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*. "We're going to try and take this more seriously," Yelchin says.

And part of taking it more seriously meant the cast being more involved with the screenplay (by the same writers as T3). "I came to Albuquerque with a set of

guidelines and a breakdown of (my character) Kyle Reese, and I wasn't going to change those guidelines to change the script," Yelchin explains. "Every scene needed to be adjusted."

It's no coincidence that Yelchin, just two months past his 20th birthday, has aspirations beyond acting. "I love filmmaking. I really am a movie geek. I'm ob-

Expecting

Maya Rudolph is pregnant. The Saturday Night Live star, 36, is expecting her second child with her partner, director Paul Thomas Anderson.

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Movie profile

sessed with them," he says. He's even working on a screenplay — "a movie about teenagers, but kind of a self-conscious look at teenagers."

And he shouldn't have much trouble moving behind the camera, since he practically grew up in film school. "It's the best free education you could get, just to work on a movie set and work with guys that know so much about what you're doing. You don't need to go to film school when you've had the opportunities that I have."

But with box office returns like he's been seeing, it might be a while before Yelchin gets a spare moment to get behind the camera.

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critics' corner

Criminal Minds

When a deadly virus, a new form of chemical warfare, is released into the air, a member of the BAU team has to act quickly and put himself at risk to find the source and catch the killer before any more innocent people are exposed to the lethal substance. Joe Mantegna, Thomas Gibson and Paget Brewster star in the new episode "Amplification." 9 PM on CJCH; 10 PM on CBS



Lost

Remember, Jack, you can't please everyone. In the two-hour season finale, Jack (Matthew Fox) faces resistance from those close to him when he tries to take action to make things right on the island. Ben (Michael Emerson) gets a difficult assignment from Locke (Terry O'Quinn). 10 PM on ABC ASN

Primeval

In the third-season premiere, an exhibition of ancient Egyptian relics comes to the British Museum, and an anomaly opens in a mysterious monument called the Sun Cage. A creature emerges from it, a kind of monstrous crocodile that can run on two legs. It wreaks havoc in the museum before escaping into the city. Cutter, Abby and Connor (Douglas Henshall, Hannah Spearritt, Andrew-Lee Potts) must track it down before it claims any more victims. 10 PM on SPACE

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Although expected to be a rehab outpatient by now, Dennis Rodman's erratic behaviour continues. For the second time in a week, Rodman and his entourage tried to walk out on a restaurant bill topping \$1,000, according to Page Six. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Rodman's irresponsible behaviour

Celebrity Buzz

Oprah praises private jets, big homes to grads

PRACTICAL ADVICE Oprah Winfrey stopped by Duke University to give a commencement speech.

To inspire the new college graduates, the talk-show queen extolled the joys of wealth, according to Gawker.

"It's great to have a nice home. It's great to have nice homes! It's great to have a nice home that just escaped the fire in Santa Barbara," she told the students.

"It's great to have a private jet. Anyone that tells you that having your own private jet isn't great is lying to you."

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Kate lashes out at gossipers

DAMAGE CONTROL Kate Gosselin, mother of eight and star of the hit reality show *Jon & Kate Plus 8*, is fighting back at reports that she has been having a more-than-platonic relationship with Steve Neild, a bodyguard who frequently travels with her and her family, people.com reports.

Two weeks after stories linked her husband, Jon Gosselin, with a 23-year-old schoolteacher, Gosselin says she is now the target of tabloid lies.

"The next

story coming out from the animals that stalk us is about our security person and his family," Kate tells People.

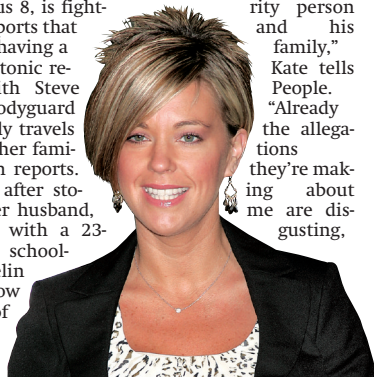
"Already the allegations they're making about me are disgusting,

unthinkable, unfathomable, and I am horrified.

"These are people who absolutely love us and want to see us through to the end," Gosselin says of Neild and his family.

"Of course, both of them travel with us at times, and we've spent holidays together, because, in this situation, your circle grows smaller and smaller, and it's very natural to become friends with your manager, your publicist, your security team ... they're the only people you have left. And now they're coming under fire."

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Jessica can't Remember That

OOPS Jessica Simpson had another déjà vu moment, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The website says the singer was left lost for words again onstage in California on Friday night when she forgot the lyrics to her song *Remember That*.

The pop star famously flubbed her Dolly Parton tribute song during a 2006 performance at the Kennedy Centre Honours

in Washington, D.C. — and then forgot the words to the same song two other times this year.

She tried to play down the gaffe with humour, telling the California audi-

ence, "I always forget this," adding "I didn't write it."

The singer then joked, "It just comes with the whole Jessica Simpson thing."

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Sam to pay up for Britney's legal costs?

SALT IN WOUNDS Sam Lutfi faced off against singer Britney Spears' legal team and lost, slapped with a three-year restraining order last month — and his wallet may be taking a hit next, people.com reports.

Spears' lawyers asked a Los Angeles court last Friday to order Lutfi, who once was her manager, to pay \$123,142 US to cover Spears' legal fees for the courtroom battle

over the restraining order.

In addition, her lawyers are seeking \$129,922 from Jon Eardley, an attorney who has challenged Jamie Spears' control over his daughter, and \$72,292 from her ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib. Both Eardley and Ghalib were also ordered to stay away from the pop star.

A judge has yet to sign off on the request, people.com reports.

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Brooke speaks out

HER SIDE Brooke Shields is finally getting out her side of the alleged Kiefer Sutherland head-butting story from last week.

"While at the party, she was bumped into by Jack McCollough and Kiefer Sutherland became concerned," Shields' rep said in a statement, according to Hollyscoop.

"Kiefer has always been a gentleman in her company. Both Jack and Kiefer are friends of Ms. Shields and she regrets this unfortunate situation."

Sutherland turned himself in to New York police last Thursday after the incident, and was charged with assault.

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MJ sued for breaking contract?

DOUBLE TIMING Concert promoters are battling to block Michael Jackson's concert series this summer — accusing the star of breaking an earlier agreement to make his comeback with them — femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

The superstar is preparing to take to the stage in London for his first gigs since 2001 — a run of 50 dates at the O2 Arena, starting in July — but AllGood Entertainment is trying to block the shows, saying it entered an agreement with Jackson's manager,

er, Frank Dileo, in 2008, promising the star would appear with his sister Janet and their brothers on tour.

As part of the deal, Jackson was allegedly prohibited from making another concert deal for 18 months, but he violated the blackout clause when he signed up for the London series.

The website alleges the promoters have sent a cease and desist letter to Jackson's London concert organizers.

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Jennifer's lessons from past loves

THE REALIST Jennifer Aniston is learning some lessons from her very public past love life.

In the new issue of *Cosmopolitan* U.K., the actress opens up about what she's taken away from her experiences.

"I don't think a perfect relationship exists," she says. "But I do think that many of us think it does and we're just fooling ourselves."

"Whoever said that everything has to be forever? That's unrealistic or hoping for too much. I don't think it's worth all that pressure."

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Jessica and the SNL Mother Lovers

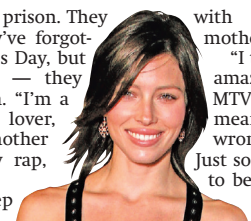
SUPPORTIVE GIRLFRIEND Jessica Biel says she was shocked to see her boyfriend Justin Timberlake's raunchy video *Mother Lover* with Andy Samberg on Saturday Night Live this past weekend, us-magazine.com reports.

The video showed the

two leaving prison. They realize they've forgotten Mother's Day, but no worries — they have a plan. "I'm a mother lover, you're a mother lover," they rap, suggesting they sleep

with each other's mothers.

"I thought it was amazing," Biel told MTV News. "I mean, it was so wrong, it's right. Just so wrong, it had to be right." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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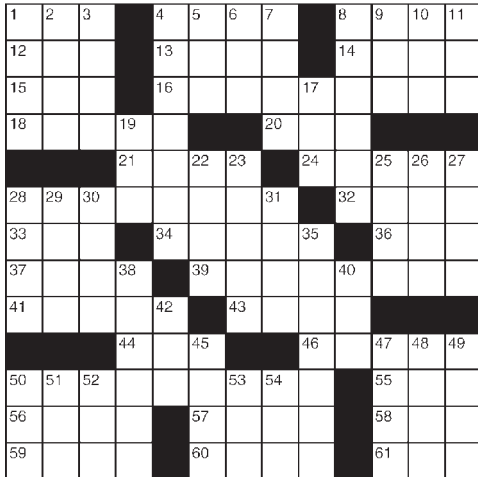
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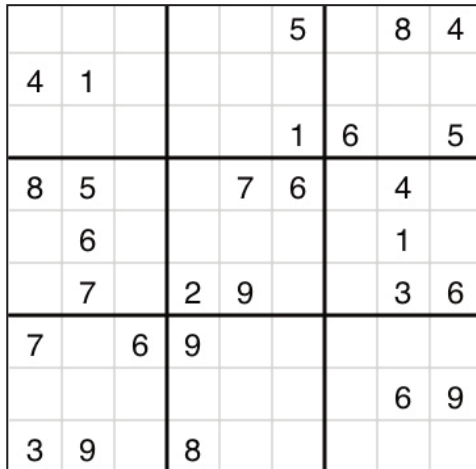
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Crossword across

- | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Bill | noggin | state |
| 4 Garden intruder | 24 Halos | 50 Means of betrayal |
| 8 Cougar | 32 Witty one | 55 "— Got a Secret" |
| 12 Exist | 33 Mess up | 56 Needle case |
| 13 Bullets and such | 34 Gold measure | 57 Sharpen |
| 14 Unyielding | 36 Cowboy's sweetie | 58 Fresh |
| 15 Meadow | 37 Bound | 59 Flex |
| 16 Country quaintness | 39 Keri Russell series | 60 On the — (unfriendly) |
| 18 Yuletide rendition | 41 Trustworthy | 61 See 43-Across |
| 20 A billion years | 43 Shed tears | |
| 21 Conks on the | 44 Shelter | |
| | 46 In a stunned | |

Crossword down

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Body powder | Edith | memento |
| 2 Vicinity | 23 Scatter about | 45 Vocal comeback |
| 3 Tolerate | 25 Creche trio | 47 Galvanizing matter |
| 4 Spelling whiz? | 26 Unruly kid | 48 Eternally |
| 5 Ostrich's kin | 27 Without doing anything | 49 Moist, in the morning |
| 6 Ambulance abbr. | 28 Reveal | 50 Society newbie |
| 7 Love not wisely but too well | 29 Sandwich treat | 51 Multipurpose truck |
| 8 Park outing | 30 Picture of health? | 52 Bit of wordplay |
| 9 Spoon-bender Geller | 31 Eli's campus | 53 Debtor's letters |
| 10 Witticism | 35 1960s T-shirt patterns | 54 Stick with a kick |
| 11 Whatever amount | 38 Wan | |
| 17 Charged bit | 40 Bookkeeper (Abbr.) | |
| 19 Kimono closer | 42 Mainlander's | |
| 22 Chanteuse | | |

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
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13-17 minScholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Italian Spirals with Burst Tomatoes

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (450 g) thin Italian sausage (salsiccia)
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried chili flakes
- 1 1/2 lb (680 g) cherry tomatoes
- Salt and black pepper

GARNISH:

Fresh basil leaves

METHOD:

- Preheat broiler to high. Cut sausage into quarters and wind lengths into coils. Pass thin metal skewer horizontally through each coil, then arrange all four on rack of grill pan.
- Heat oil in large frying pan. Peel garlic and crush into oil. Then add oregano and chili flakes and fry gently 30 seconds, without allowing crushed garlic to change colour.
- Spread tomatoes on top of garlic and chili, cover

and cook over low heat 10–12 minutes, or until most tomatoes have burst and are half-submerged in juices.

- Broil sausage coils 5–6 minutes per side, turning about to ensure even browning.
- Uncover tomatoes, raise heat to moderate and cook 5 minutes, or until juices have thickened. Press lightly with back of spoon to ensure that all tomatoes have burst.
- Season tomato sauce to taste with salt and pepper, then pour onto four warmed serving plates and put sausage coils in centres. Rinse and dry basil leaves, strip from stems, and scatter over top.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A mistake you made earlier in the year will return to embarrass you today but it's really no big deal so don't get worked up about it.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Try not to get so caught up in your own problems today that you miss the chance to help a friend or family member sort out their own little difficulty.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The more others try to tell you that you should change your ways the more certain you can be that you are doing exactly the right thing. They envy you.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
As mind planet Mercury moves back into your opposite sign, you must avoid sloppy thinking at all costs.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If your work load is getting too much for you, and if friends and colleagues keep piling more tasks on you, then it's about time you called a halt.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be of the opinion that if you turn your back someone will stick a knife in it, but have you any genuine reason to be so suspicious?



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be ultra enthusiastic about a new plan or project but you need to be realistic about how it is going to cut into your time — and what it could cost.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be asked to take part in an activity that will take up a considerable amount of your time and energy, but do you have it to spare? Think hard.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You sometimes make a tempting target for those who enjoy dragging larger-than-life types down to their level. Don't make it easy for them.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may be inclined to do something drastic but what you do in haste will most likely be repented at your leisure, so think before you act.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you let slip any kind of personal information today you will regret it tomorrow and maybe even a long time into the future.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you don't know all the facts about a particular situation you are strongly advised not to draw any conclusions, especially about other's motives.



This day in history

MAY 13, 1846: Mexican-American War; The United States declares war on Mexico.
MAY 13, 1940: Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands flees the Nazi invasion in the Netherlands to Great Britain. Princess Juliana takes her children to Canada for their safety.
MAY 13, 1958: During a visit to Caracas, Venezuela, Vice-President Richard Nixon's car is attacked by anti-American demonstrators.
MAY 13, 1958: The trademark Velcro is registered.
MAY 13, 1994: Johnny Carson makes last television appearance on The David Letterman Show.

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WORDY GURDY

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- Actor Damon expectorated (1)
- Whitish escurge (1)
- Go in search of an onion cousin (1)
- Road-go-covered prison rec area (1)
- More on-the-mend person who owes (2)
- Last exams on LP record materials (2)
- Next-door folks' cavalry blades (2)

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